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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Richard L. Mueller, Jr. )  
Application No. 10/602,171 )  
Filed: June 23, 2003 ) Group Art Unit: 3736  
For: CYTOLOGY BRUSH WITH )  
RELEASABLE END PORTION )  
Examiner: Brian Scott Szmal ) Attorney Docket No. ACU-126

**PETITION UNDER 37 CFR §1.136(a) AND §1.17**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

A three-month extension in the time for response to the Office Action dated July 11, 2005, i.e.,  
to and including January 11, 2006, is respectfully requested.

There is submitted herewith the following:

NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND  
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for the required appeal fee

Please charge the required fee of \$510.00 for a three-month extension of time to our Deposit  
Account No. 15-0508.

Kindly charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment concerning this matter to our  
Deposit Account No. 15-0508.

Respectfully submitted,

January 11, 2006

By   
Talivaldis Cepuritis (Reg. No. 20,818)

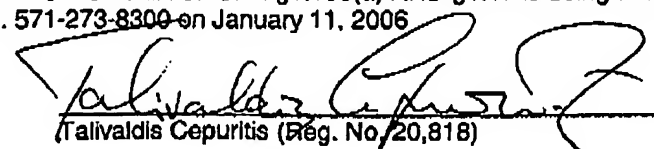
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